

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Monitoring and removal of encroachments which exist on some areas of Railway land, is a continuous process. Fresh encroachments are required to be removed as soon as noticed and old encroachments are dealt with as per provisions of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971.

(d) Does not arise.

Provision of first aid box and tool kits on all Railway Stations

4693. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY:

SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether first aid boxes and tool kits are provided at all Railway Stations and with Guard in all the trains;

(b) if not, how emergency of cases are attended to;

(c) whether these first aid boxes and tool kits are be of great help in relief and rescue operations in cases of accidents;

(d) whether it is a fact that no first aid box was available at Vizag Railway Station on 30th January, 2001; and

(e) whether Government would consider to provide first aid boxes and tool kits immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (e) First Aid Boxes are available at all railway stations and with Guards of all trains. Further a number of important and strategic stations have been identified as model stations which have been provided with augmented first aid boxes for the benefit of the travelling public in times of need. These augmented first aid boxes are kept in the custody of Assistant Station Master/Deputy Station Superintendents as well as with Guards and Train Superintendents of all passenger and mail trains.

Recently, 162 fast and long distance trains have been identified to

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be provided with augmented first-aid boxes containing a wider range of medicines and resuscitative equipments. 86 long distance trains have already been provided with these first aid boxes. The frontline staff are also being trained in first aid and given refresher training as per a schedule to be updated periodically. To meet with emergency situation arising as a result of train accidents, there are Accident Relief Medical Vans (ARMVs) located at strategic places, which are equipped with instruments necessary for rescue and relief. Tool kits however, are not provided in the individual trains.

At Vizag Railway Station, one first-aid box with Station Superintendent on Duty and another first-aid box with Railway Protection Force (RPF) Assistance Booth are provided round the clock. In addition, one spare first-aid box is also available with Station Manager (Gazetted). Guards of all coaching trains on Waltair Division are provided with first-aid boxes. Inquiry reveals that none approached the on duty Station Superintendent or RPF Assistance Booth or Station Manager (Gazetted) for first-aid box on 30.1.2001.

Vacant posts of Railway drivers and security personnel

†4694. DR. A.K. PATEL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the security related posts and the posts of engine drivers in the Railways are lying vacant for a long time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) It is not a fact that the security related posts are lying vacant for a long time excepting the posts of Constables on Eastern Railway. The posts of

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